PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Yong D. Pak

In re application of

Hiroyuki ASAKO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/608,625

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MODIFIED REDUCTASE AND ITS GENE, AND USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of January 5, 2006 to May 5, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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